

10 APR 1956

General Willard G. Wyman
Commanding General
Continental Army Command
Fort Monroe, Virginia

Dear Bill:

I was interested and pleased to receive your letter of 30 March, in which you commented on Arnold Toynbee's recent article in Collier's. Not the least part of my pleasure stems from the opportunity afforded me of congratulating you on your most recent promotion; all best wishes for continuing success in your new job.

In answer to your question, we long have attempted to bring to bear the force of religion on cold war matters. Various religious organizations and their individual members have been called upon to lend their support as appropriate, and there can be no question of the great value of the contributions they have made. The USIA people also have been active; I know that they have given considerable attention in their information programs to the role of religion in America and to the inherently religious bases of a true democracy.

We have not, however, tried to influence the structure of religion in the western world, along the lines developed by Toynbee, nor have we felt that we should try to bring representatives of the various religions together around a single table. Frankly, we are not sure they are ready to sit down together, although the thought of doing so must look increasingly attractive to them.

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In any case, we will not lose track of the idea, and I appreciate very much your consideration in sending it to me. Again congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

9 April 1956

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